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The Administrator Washington, D.C. 20201

Ms. Sandra Shewry
Executive Director

Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board
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Dear Ms. Shewry:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) plan amendment submitted on December 9, 1999, has been approved.

Specifically, this State Plan Amendment allows a Family Contribution Sponsor to pay a specific chid's Healthy Families Program (HFP) premiums for the first year of enrollment. A person or entity that wants to be a Family Contribution Sponsor must register with the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and cannot be: a person that is a health, dental or vision provider that participates in HFP, or a norganization composed primarily of or controlled by such persons; an entity, including governmental, school, non-profit and charitable organization, that is, or that operates an institution or facility that is a health, dental or vision provider that participates in HFP; a participating plan; or any person or entity acting on behalf of or representing a person identified in this listing. Applicants will be individually identified for sponsorship by the Family Contibution Sponsor on the application and the sponsor will pay 12 months of premiums at the time of application in an amount consistent with premiums permitted under the approved SCHIP plan for the child(ren) involved.

Your project officer continues to be Ms. Kathleen Farrell. Ms. Farrell is available to answer any questions concerning implementation of your Title XXI Program and can be reached at (410) 786-1236. Her address is:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer and to Mr. Richard Chambers, Deputy Administrator, in the San Francisco Regional Office. Mr. Chamber's address is:

Health Care Financing Administration Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street, 4th Floor San Francisco, California 94105-3903

We look forward to continuing working with you and your staff. This same letter has been simultaneously sent to Dr. Bonta, Director, Department of Health Services.

Sincerely,

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle Administrator

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Deputy Administrator, Region IX